

2015 Property Tax Rates in Zapata County

This notice concerns 2015 property tax rates for Zapata County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	County General Fund	Farm Mkt Road	Zapata County Special Rd & Bridge
Last year's tax rate:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$9,259,887	\$396	\$148,467
Last year's debt taxes	\$2,314,586	\$0	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$11,574,473	\$396	\$148,467
Last year's tax base	\$1,483,956,222	\$1,521,870,305	\$1,484,671,132
Last year's total tax rate	0.779974/\$100	0.000026/\$100	0.010000/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$11,581,385	\$396	\$149,000
÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$1,262,261,047	\$1,297,553,559	\$1,262,952,295
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	0.917511/\$100	0.000030/\$100	0.011797/\$100
Total effective tax rate	0.929338/\$100		
This year's rollback tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$9,266,799	\$396	\$149,000
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$1,262,261,047	\$1,297,553,559	\$1,262,952,295
= This year's effective operating rate	0.734142/\$100	0.000030/\$100	0.011797/\$100
×	0.792873/\$100	0.000032/\$100	0.012740/\$100

1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate			
+ This year's debt rate	0.202460/\$100	0.000000/\$100	0.000000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	0.995333/\$100	0.000032/\$100	0.012740/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	1.008105/\$100		

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Zapata County adopts a 2015 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.929338 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to 2014 taxes by \$ 22,235.

Schedule A: Unencumbered Fund Balances: County General Fund

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund Reserved	6,035,000
Special Road & Bridge	1,100,000
Farm to Market	326,000

Schedule B: 2015 Debt Service: County General Fund

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Unlimited Tax Road Bonds, Series 2006	715,000	427,699	2,500	1,145,199
Limited Tax Ref Bonds, Taxable Series 2013-A	775,000	202,350	2,500	979,850
Limited Tax Ref Bonds, Taxable Series 2013-B	75,000	19,000	2,500	96,500
Total required for 2015 debt service				\$2,221,549
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				-\$195,066
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2015				\$2,416,615
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 94.000000% of its taxes in 2015				\$154,252
= Total Debt Levy				\$2,570,867

Schedule D - State Criminal Justice Mandate (For Counties)

The Zapata County County Auditor certifies that Zapata County County has spent \$ 0 in the previous 12 months beginning 10/01/2014, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Zapata County County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

Schedule F - Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures

The Zapata County spent \$ 0 from October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015 on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is 0.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 200 E 7th Ave. Suite 226200 E 7th Ave. Suite 226, Zapata, Tx 78076.

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NOTICE OF 2015 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR Zapata County

A tax rate of \$0.924026 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Zapata County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.924026 per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$0.790000 per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.929338 per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Zapata County from the same properties in both the 2014 tax year and the 2015 tax year.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{property tax amount} = (\text{rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:

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